

### Prayer for the State of Israel

Rock and Redeemer, bless the State of Israel, the dawning of our redemption. Shield it with Your compassion and spread over it the sukkah of Your *shalom*.

May a spark of Your spirit inspire the actions of its leaders and officials, its judges, and advisors that they may follow the path of justice and democracy, liberty and righteousness.

Strengthen the spirit and the hands of those who build and protect our holy land and grant them salvation and life. May they vanquish their attackers so as to vanquish war itself and deliver us to the truth that there is no greater security asset than peace.

Bring *shalom* to this land and everlasting joy to its inhabitants and neighbors.

Be with all the people of Israel wherever they are. Plant within their hearts a love of Zion intertwined with respect for the land and a love of all humanity and that grow together into a three-fold cord that shall never be broken. And may those of our people who are so inspired, come to Jerusalem, which is your city, united and rebuilt, beyond the ownership of any human deed.

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